

I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Introduced by:

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**Relative to commending and congratulating the Judiciary of
Guam on the successful completion of the Northern Court
Satellite.**

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA 'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN*:**

2 **WHEREAS**, the Judiciary of Guam took the initiative to evaluate its caseload and its
3 processes by commissioning an independent, professional entity, namely the National Center of
4 State Courts, to analyze and scrutinize its operations in 2004; and

5 **WHEREAS**, acting upon the recommendations of the National Center for State Courts, the
6 Judiciary of Guam saw the need to expand its capabilities to meet the growing needs of our island
7 community and prepare for the future demands that will be placed on our overtaxed justice system;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Judiciary, with the support of the Legislative and the Executive Branches,
10 received authorization to establish the Northern Court Satellite through Public Law 29-109 in
11 August 2008; and

12 **WHEREAS**, despite the budgetary constraints placed on the Courts, the Judiciary of Guam,
13 alongside the Legislative and Executive Branches, strongly believed in giving the community greater
14 access to justice and exercised financial prudence in order to make the Northern Court Satellite a
15 reality, by working deliberately and diligently with resources allocated and opened the Northern
16 Court Satellite within a year of being granted the authorization; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Northern Court Satellite centrally located in the heart of Dededo village
18 totals 7,500 square feet and consists of a Multipurpose Court Room, which can be utilized for Small
19 Claims, Traffic, Civil Trials, Magistrates, Criminal Trials and Occasional Appellant Hearings; one
20 judge's chamber with staff offices; a Jury Unit and Jury Deliberation Room; two Holding Cages and
21 a Marshal Unit office; a Clerks and Ministerial Unit, and several service counters; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Northern Court Satellite will provide a convenient location for residents of
2 the northern villages of Dededo, Yigo, Tamuning, and Mangilao to seek court services and obtain
3 greater access to justice; and

4 **WHEREAS**, with the new Northern Court Satellite firmly established, the Judiciary of
5 Guam will be able to efficiently service Guam's growing population and justify the need to fund a
6 new court building in northern Guam, especially in light of military expansion and the anticipated
7 population explosion that will occur in the coming years; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam,
9 commends the Judiciary of Guam for its foresight and vision in developing the Northern Court
10 Satellite as a tool to deliver greater judicial efficiency and access to justice for the people of Guam,
11 especially those residing in northern villages; and, be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam;
13 congratulates the Judiciary of Guam on the successful opening of the Northern Court Satellite; and
14 be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the
16 adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to: the Honorable Robert J.
17 Torres, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Alberto C. Lamorena, III, Presiding
18 Judge, Superior Court of Guam; to Perry Taitano, Administrator, Unified Courts of Guam; and to the
19 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN
GUAHAN ON THE __TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009.**

**Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker**

**Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature**